



Persevering in Prayer

News has a certain shelf life. As time goes on, we get used to the news. Before you know it, there is new news to focus on. While the war in Israel is not new, it is still just as current as it was on Oct. 7. The war is not something we can or should get used to. When a friend is under attack, you keep helping him. You don't turn your back on him halfway through. It is the same with Israel. It is important that we maintain focus on Israel. When we don't, we also largely lose focus on God Himself. In watching Israel, we see God's at work in the world. This was true in [the time of] the Bible and is still true today. That is why it is still so important to intercede for Israel. Even if we don't always see it ourselves, prayer is a powerful and effective weapon (James 5:16).

We are called to pray for the peace of Jerusalem in Psalm 122:6. Let us cling to that and persevere in prayer for the people that God loves so very deeply.

Shalom,
The Christians for Israel Prayer Team

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Thu 1 Aug	The people of God are a strong people. After centuries of persecution and antisemitism, they have not given up. The Israeli flag has been flying over Jerusalem for almost 80 years now. Thank God for this. Pray that God may continue to give His people courage to persevere through hard times of war and sorrow.
Fri 2 Aug	In early June, the Israeli army's special forces freed four hostages from Gaza: Noa Argamani, Almog Meir Jan, Andrey Kozlov and Shlomi Ziv. Thank God for this great miracle. Pray also that the rest of the hostages will be freed soon.
Sat 3 Aug Sabbath	"Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying, 'To Him Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!'" Revelation 5:13. Thank God today with these words.
Sun 4 Aug	"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Thank God today for all He has given. Thank God that He hears our prayers.
Mon 5 Aug	"That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers." Psalm 1:3. Pray that Christians worldwide may plant themselves in God's Word so that they too may bear fruit to the glory of God's kingdom.
Tue 6 Aug	"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." Colossians 3:14. Pray for unity among Christians. Pray also that Christians around the world may pray for the peace of Jerusalem together.

Wed 7 Aug	The Psalmist asks us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem in the Bible: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.'" Psalm 122:6-7. Pray the words from this Psalm today.
Thu 8 Aug	Pray for the Christians for Israel branches around the world and for the work they do. Since Oct. 7 the workload has increased, pray for new strength and inspiration for our teams worldwide. Give thanks that there are Christians seeking reliable Biblical information about Israel and wanting to learn more from God's Word.
Fri 9 Aug	It can be quite difficult to keep on praying for Israel. At the beginning of the war, everything was still new and raw. Many Christians came together to pray for Israel. Although that is still happening, we are also in danger of relegating Israel back to the background in our prayers. Nevertheless, prayer is still enormously important now and it has great power. Pray that people around the world may persevere in prayer for Israel.
Sat 10 Aug Sabbath	"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34. Thank God today with these words.
Sun 11 Aug	"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7. Thank God today for this promise.
Mon 12 Aug	Unity makes a nation stronger, while division creates chaos and unrest. Pray for unity and trust among the people of Israel.
Tue 13 Aug Tisha B'Av	Today is Tisha B'Av , a national day of mourning among the Jewish people. On this day there is mourning, prayer and fasting. In addition, the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem is commemorated. Pray for quietness and peace for the Jewish people today. Pray for the speedy coming of the Messiah and that God will re-establish His house as a house of prayer for all nations (Isaiah 56:7).
Wed 14 Aug	Israeli soldiers have been fighting a complex war for ten months. The soldiers are dealing with warfare, missing family and friends, while also processing grief and traumatic events. Pray for the soldiers to be fueled with the strength of God every day. Pray for perseverance in battle and that they may experience God's deep peace.
Thu 15 Aug	The Israeli government is working on a major shift in the way the civilian administration of Judea and Samaria is run, transferring authority from the military to civilians. Pray for wisdom and God's guidance in the plans regarding the security of Judea and Samaria.
Fri 16 Aug	"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12. Pray that we may live these words.
Sat 17 Aug Sabbath	"In the morning, LORD, You hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait expectantly." Psalm 5:3. Thank God that He allows us to bring our prayers to Him every day. Thank God that He hears us and that we can wait expectantly on Him.
Sun 18 Aug	"But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham My friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are My servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you." Isaiah 41:8-9. Thank God that He is faithful to His people and will never reject them.
Mon 19 Aug	Anti-Israel demonstrations are regularly marked by incitement to violence and aggression. Calls for an intifada are regularly heard during the demonstrations. Pray that these incitements to violence will soon end. Pray that demonstrators will gain the skill to discern between truth and untruth.
Tue 20 Aug	On Monday, May 20, International Criminal Court (ICC) Prosecutor Karim Khan announced a request to issue arrest warrants both against Israeli leaders Benjamin Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant, and some Hamas leaders. This request lumps Hamas and Israeli leaders together into one category. Pray that the charges will not stick. Pray that countries around the world will speak out against this warrant request.
Wed 21 Aug	"Strangers will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards." Isaiah 61:5. We see the imagery of this verse reflected today. People from all over the world are coming to Israel to volunteer. Pray for a blessing on the volunteers who come to help in Israel.
Thu 22 Aug	In the Bible we read, "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:3. Thank God for His promise. Pray that all nations may come together to bless Israel.

Fri 23 Aug	“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” Hebrews 12:1. Pray that God may help us to persevere on the course that lies ahead.
Sat 24 Aug Sabbath	“Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all.” 1 Chronicles 29:11. Thank God with these words.
Sun 25 Aug	“Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.” Habakkuk 3:17-18. Thank God with these words.
Mon 26 Aug	In late June, the Center for Addictions and Mental Health in Israel published a new study together with the Mitiv Center at Reichman University. The study shows that since Oct. 7, children and teenagers in Israel are increasingly suffering from worse physical and psychological health. Pray for recovery and support for these children.
Tue 27 Aug	Pray that any weapon aiming to harm the Israeli people and damage the country will be broken immediately.
Wed 28 Aug	The Bible states that God created Israel to bless the nations of the earth through them and to proclaim His praise. (Genesis 12:3; Isaiah 43:21). Thank God for this. Pray that Israel herself will also be blessed.
Thu 29 Aug	In early September, Rev. Willem Glashouwer will travel to Thailand. There, at the invitation of a group of Thai pastors, he will speak to church leaders in Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai and Korat about the book ‘Why Israel?’ Pray for these pastors in Thailand.
Fri 30 Aug	“Love is patient, it is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-5a. Pray that we may draw on God's love and may live according to all that love means.
Sat 31 Aug Sabbath	“For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.” Romans 11:36. Thank God with these words.

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Sun 1 Sep	“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. Out of all the peoples on the face of the earth, the Lord has chosen you to be His treasured possession.” Deuteronomy 14:2. Thank God that He sanctified Israel as His people and as His possession. Thank God that we are allowed to get to know Him, through His people.
Mon 2 Sep	After the diaspora Israel has been a wilderness for a long time. It is a miracle that Israel grew into a prosperous and fertile country within one century. Thank God that He fulfills His promises to His people.
Tue 3 Sep	In recent months we saw that media have a significant influence on the way people view the war in Israel. Pray that between all stories and opinions in the media the truth about Israel may shine stronger than the lies.
Wed 4 Sep	The pressure on the Israeli government is high. Pray for wisdom and unity amongst the Israeli government leaders. Pray that they keep God in mind in everything.
Thu 5 Sep	The war in Israel causes a lot of victims on the Israeli side as well. Pray for comfort for the bereaved families of those who perished.
Fri 6 Sep	“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27. Thank God that we may receive His peace. Pray that we will draw from that peace today.
Sat 7 Sep Sabbath	“The Lord is the strength of His people, a fortress of salvation for His anointed one.” Psalm 28:8. Let us give thanks to God with these words.
Sun 8 Sep	“The arrogance of man will be brought low and human pride humbled; the Lord alone will be exalted in that day...”. Isaiah 2:17. Thank God that He will put a stop to the people’s arrogance and that He is and will be the only one exalted.

Mon 9 Sep	The 79th General Assembly of the United Nations in New York will be held from 10 until 24 September. Israel will most certainly face a diplomatic tsunami. While the governments of the nations send their ambassadors to judge Israel, it is important to intercede for Israel. Pray for Israel's protection against the denunciations of the governments of these nations.
Tue 10 Sep	Pray for protection of the worldwide Jewish community. Pray that other people will be encouraged to stand up in word and deed for the Jewish community.
Wed 11 Sep	In November national elections will take place in the United States of America. The United States play a major role in international politics. Pray that the outcome of these elections will have positive consequences for Israel.
Thu 12 Sep	"See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and His glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." Isaiah 60:2-3. Pray that all nations may soon see God's light shining on Mount Zion.
Fri 13 Sep	Next week, on September 15 and 16, the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast will take place in New York. This event is organized by Jews and Christians. Political and spiritual leaders come together to pray. This prayer movement has its roots in <i>Psalms 122</i> . Pray for the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast and pray from <i>Psalms 122</i> for the peace of Jerusalem.
Sat 14 Sep Sabbath	Pray for the staff and volunteers of Christians for Israel worldwide. Pray for unity and good cooperation and that good ideas will continue to emerge to spread the message of God's faithfulness to Israel.
Sun 15 Sep	"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:57. Thank God today with these words.
Mon 16 Sep	In July 'The Trial 2024' took place in The Hague. It was a conference in which hundreds of Christian leaders and worshipers from all over the world came together to sign a decree. The decree also serves as an endorsement for Israel. Thank God that He brought all these leaders and worshipers together to show support for Israel.
Tue 17 Sep	The relationship between Christians and Jews has a complex and bitter history. Persecutions for centuries, humiliations and spreading of lies has deeply damaged the relationship between Jews and Christians. Pray that the Church will humble itself. Pray that Christians worldwide may see that God is faithful to the Jewish people.
Wed 18 Sep	It is our task to support and comfort Israel (Isaiah 40:1-2). Pray that the Churches will stand around Israel in word and deed.
Thu 19 Sep	"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." Matthew 6:6. It is important to humiliate yourself in prayer. Pray that God will help us with that. Pray that we may pray for Israel's blessing from a humble attitude.
Fri 20 Sep	"And will not God bring about justice for His chosen ones, who cry out to Him day and night? Will He keep putting them off?" Luke 18:7. Persist in praying and pray that God will do justice to His people Israel.
Sat 21 Sep Sabbath	"The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore." Micah 4:2-3. Thank God that the Law and the Word of the Lord will go out from Jerusalem.
Sun 22 Sep	"In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise— in God I trust and am not afraid. What can man do to me?" Psalm 56:10-11. Thank God today with these words.
Mon 23 Sep	From the moment the IDF entered Gaza, many pro-Hamas textbooks were found in houses and schools. The textbooks contain antisemitic and anti-Israel propaganda with which Gazan children were educated. Pray that this propaganda stops forthwith. Pray that the children are no longer taught this propaganda and that it no longer will be used as a weapon against Israel.
Tue 24 Sep	Pray that the Israelis will all turn to God and will trust His victory and peace. (Psalm 147:2-3).
Wed 25 Sep	It is a miracle that Israel has such a strong army to protect her. Still, prayer for protection is powerful and necessary. Pray for protection of the Israeli borders and security of the Israeli citizens.
Thu 26 Sep	War or no war, the aliyah continues. We see God's people coming home and we may thank Him for that. Pray that even more Jewish people will return to Israel.

Fri 27 Sep	“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.” Romans 15:4. Pray that God will help us when we study His Word. Pray that we may draw comfort from His Word.
Sat 28 Sep Sabbath	“Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob, all the remnant of the people of Israel, you whom I have upheld since your birth, and have carried since you were born. Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.” Isaiah 46:3-4. Thank God today for this promise to His people.
Sun 29 Sep	“Lord, You are my God; I will exalt You and praise Your name, for in perfect faithfulness You have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.” Isaiah 25:1. Thank God today for the miracles He performed. Thank Him that His Word is certain.
Mon 30 Sep	Give thanks for the work Koen and Ira Carlier do together with their team in Ukraine amongst the Holocaust survivors. The circumstances are difficult, especially because of the war. There also is a lot of poverty amongst the Holocaust survivors. Pray that many people will be helped.